

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawing include new Fig. 2A.

Attachments: New Fig. 2A.

REMARKS

Election/Restriction

The Examiner has required restriction between the following inventions as required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-19 and 27-43 drawn to a method of operating a catalytic combustion system classified in Class 60, subclass 777, and
- II. Claims 20-26 drawn to a catalytic combustion system classified in Class 60, subclass 723.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, (claims 1-19 and 27-43) without traverse.

The Examiner has further required election of one of the following species:

The configuration of Figure 2

The configuration of Figure 6

The configuration of Figure 7

A fourth (unillustrated) configuration having a multi-stage preburner arrangement as described on page 6; and

A fifth (unillustrated) configuration having adjustable dilution holes, vanes, or the like as described on page 13.

Applicants provisionally elect the species of the "fourth (unillustrated) configuration having a multi-stage preburner arrangement as described on page 6."

The Examiner has also further required selection of one of the following control systems:

Figure 5;

Figure 8;
Figure 10;
Figure 11;
Figure 12; and
Figure 13

Applicant further elects the species of Figure 12. Applicants further submit that claims 1-5, 9, 27, 30, 33-37, and 39-43 are readable upon the elected species of the “fourth (unillustrated) configuration” and Figure 12. Examination on the merits of the elected subject matter is hereby respectfully requested.

Applicant expressly reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application directed on the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Amendment

Applicants have added new Fig. 2A and amended the specification to specifically refer to Fig. 2A. The specification and claims as originally filed fully support the amendment and new figure. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. **220772010700**. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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